GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2104
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2007
BRIDES DESERTED BY NRI HUSBANDS
Bishnoi Shri Kuldeep;Chaudhary Shri Pankaj;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy;Mane Smt. Nivedita;Masood Shri Rasheed;Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada;Singh Shri Ganesh;Vallabhaneni Shri Balashowry;Yaskhi Shri Madhu Goud

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of women abandoned or cheated by their NRI husbands have increased;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received from such women, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to provide assistance to the deserted women;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to bring in any legislation to prevent such frauds committed by immigrant Indian;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) : Such data is not maintained. However, the Ministry has received about 100 complaints from women victims of NRI marriages which are given State wise in the statement enclosed as Annexure −A.

(c) & (d) : Recently a scheme has been launched to provide legal and counseling assistance through Indian Missions abroad to Indian women who have been deserted or divorced within two years of the marriage by their overseas Indian spouses in the form of financial assistance on a case to case basis. The scheme will cover cases pertaining to USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and countries in Gulf. Besides, there are two schemes, namely, 'Swadhar' and 'Short Stay Home' to provide shelter, maintenance and rehabilitative services to women in difficult circumstances.

(e) to (g) : There is no such proposal presently under consideration.